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ATTN: Eleanor F. Kurtz  
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RE: Serial No. 10/024,809

Dear Ms. Kurtz:

This is in response to your February 12, 2002 letter indicating that our check #9457 in the amount of \$370 had been returned. There are several errors in your letter which make it difficult for us to understand what has happened.

First of all, the serial number referenced is not a case that we have found in our office. The check Number 9457, according to our files was mailed to the PTO for an application subsequently given the serial number of 10/025,956.

You also indicate the check #9457 was dated December 27, 2001. However our copy of the check indicates it bore a date of November 14, 2001, a copy of which is enclosed.

In the meantime, a Notice to File Missing Parts was received by this office for application 10/025,956, which is the case that our check #9457 was submitted to the PTO. I enclose a copy of this Notice and our response which you will notice was filed with the PTO before we received your February 12 communication.

Still further, communication with our bank establishes that our check #9457 was never submitted to them for payment.

In view of the above and our response to the Notice To File Missing Parts it is requested that we receive a filing receipt in the above identified application, 10/025,956.

Very truly yours,

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The purpose of this communication is to inform you that your check number 009457, dated December 27, 2001, has been returned by the Bank. It was unpaid. The check was in the amount of \$370.00

The practice of the Office is to treat such returned checks as though the fee for which they were intended was never received. Therefore, the applicant is required to submit the following fee (s):

- X \$ 370.00- filing fee and claims
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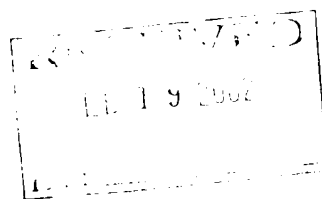
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Further correspondence with respect to this matter should include a copy of this notice and be addressed to the following:

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In re Application of

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Ser. No. : 10/025,956

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Title : TRAILER HOOKUP AID AND METHOD

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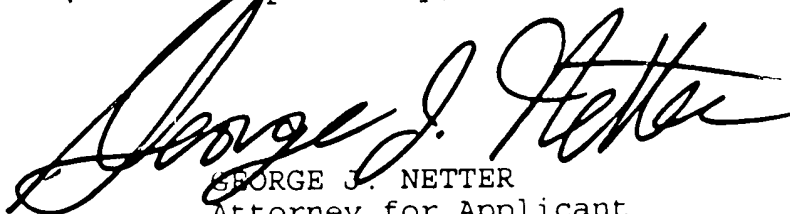
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF  
NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Responsive to a Formalities letter mailed by the PTO January 22, 2002, there is enclosed a copy of check No. 9457 dated November 14, 2001 that was sent with U.S. patent application 10/025.956 by Jules A. Darras to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Since this check apparently cannot be found at the PTO, I enclose a replacement check for \$370.00.

It is requested that the requirement for a surcharge payment of \$65.00 be withdrawn in view of the showing herein of timely submission of a filing fee check in this matter.

Respectfully,



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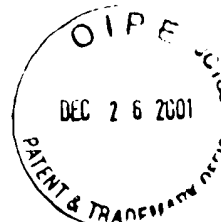
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The stamp of the PTO hereon acknowledges receipt of \$370 check. DECLARATION FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION, PATENT APPL. TRANSMITTAL LETTER, 6 pages APPLICATION, 2 pages CLAIMS, 1 page ABSTRACT, 3 pages DRAWINGS for:  
TRAILER HOOKUP AID AND METHOD  
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